



***State of Washington
Department of Transportation
Notice to Consultants
I-82, Corridor Revitalization Project - Artist***

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) solicits interest from artists and consultants who wish to be evaluated and considered to develop and provide artwork to be placed on the 24/1 Bridge over I-82 as part of the SR24/I-82 to Keys Road – add lanes project.

Project Description

This project is in response to requests from the TRANSAction (an organized group of local elected, public works officials, and private business) for Corridor Revitalization that artwork be placed on the SR 24/1 bridge over I-82. The artwork (two “Welcome to Yakima” signs and two “Sun Artwork” pieces) will be installed as part of the SR 24/I-82 to Keys Road – add lanes project. This installation will be part of a larger project to enhance various interchanges for an overall regional corridor enhancement. The piece must have the sun as its primary design motif, and be suitable for use as a regional logo for future corridor revitalization projects.

Early in the design of the SR 24 project, WSDOT committed to fund beautification of the interchange. The concept of beautifying the interchange was left up to the Corridor Revitalization sub-committee of TRANSAction. The committee decided that landscaping, decorative walls, and artwork would be needed at this interchange. WSDOT personnel have designed landscaping and decorative walls, but WSDOT does not have the resources to develop an inspiring artwork that reveals the true community identity of Yakima Valley.

The Corridor Revitalization sub-committee (which includes Yakima County, the City of Yakima, WSDOT, and private individuals) decided that this project would require a consultant/artist, qualified to produce public artwork that “Ignites Community Pride, Stimulates Economic Development, and Enhances the Tourism Experience.” The artwork will have the sun as the primary design motif. The “Welcome to Yakima” signs will be installed in Columnar Basalt Surrounds at the intersections of the westbound and eastbound off-ramps with SR 24. The “Sun Artwork” will hang on the new SR 24/1 bridge to be built on the States SR 24/I-82 to Keys Road – add lanes project. The “Sun Artwork” will be visible to oncoming traffic in both directions and serve to welcome visitors entering the valley.

The purpose of this contract will be to hire an artistic individual or team to conceptualize, design, manufacture or oversee the manufacture of the pieces, and finally to supervise the installation of the artwork. As a result, the artist may need to team with other individuals and/or firms for manufacture, etc. in order to deliver the artwork project. The artist will be required to obtain approval for the concept and design of the artwork from both the Corridor Revitalization Committee and WSDOT Bridge Architects. The WSDOT Bridge division will design the anchoring system and approval the Artwork structural design.

Technical Requirements

Both pieces of artwork must comply with all specifications required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and



the Scenic Vistas Act of 1971. MS 55-94. The Sun Artwork design shall follow the sign guidelines in the WSDOT Bridge Design Manual section 8.2 and related chapters. All materials used to create the artwork must be permanent in nature, having a life span of no less than 75 years. Use of Exterior paint is not acceptable.

Additional construction and installation requirements are listed in Appendix A.

Pre-Submittal Meeting

A Pre-Submittal Meeting to explain the project and the selection process is scheduled for 1:00 PM, Monday, July 18, 2005, at WSDOT South Central Region, Design Project Engineers Conference Room, 2809 Rudkin Road, Union Gap, WA. If you are attending please RSVP to Brian White at 509-577-1625. If assistance is needed to complete the required paperwork associated with this "Request for Statement of Qualifications" please contact HQ Consultant Services in Olympia at 360-705-7147.

If an artist/consultant is unable to attend the Pre-Submittal Meeting, we strongly encourage them to arrange a time to visit the site prior to submitting. A map of the proposed site accompanies this RFQ.

Additional project information is listed in Appendix B.

Evaluation Criteria

Pursuant to state and federal regulations, a qualifications-based selection process will be used to select a consultant for this project. The selection will be done in two (2) phases. The first phase will be to develop a short list of artists based on the information submitted in the "Request for Statement of Qualifications." The second phase will be a Open House meeting in which the artists conceptualized design will be presented during a public meeting and feed back solicited from the public to assist in the final selection of the artwork.

The following information and criteria will be used to evaluate and rank responses:

1. Qualifications/Expertise of Artist and/or Firm(s) on Team;
2. The artistic depiction of the proposed artwork;
3. Project Delivery Approach;
4. Assurance of maintenance efficiency, permanence of image and durability of image and durability of construction.
5. Demonstrated compliance with all safety and design specifications required by the Federal Highway Administration and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).
6. Relationship of the piece to the community in and near the interchange.
7. Inclusion of a secondary, and consistent design concept for a regional sun motif applicable to corridor signage.
8. References/past performances (Prime Consultant Only); and
9. Cost Factors (Prime Consultant Only.)

The link to the definitions and point value for each of the proposed criteria may be found on the first page of this advertisement web site.



WSDOT may conduct interviews during the selection process, but selection can be made based on information provided in the submittals without an interview phase.

NOTE: It is imperative that the consultant reviews the definitions of the scoring criteria. We have included requirements and/or limitations for the information that is being requested as well as a point value assigned to each criterion.

Selection Process

Pursuant to State and Federal regulations, a qualifications based-selection process will be used to select a consultant for this project. The selection will be done in two phases. The first phase will develop a short list of artists based on the information submitted in the “Request for Statement of Qualifications.” The second phase will be a Public meeting. The artists’ conceptualized design will be presented during the public meeting and public feedback will assist in the final selection of the artwork.

Timeline (Tentative)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
June 27, 2005	Request for Statement of Qualifications Announced
July 18, 2005	Pre-Proposal Meeting
August 9, 2005	Statement of Qualifications Submitted
August 19, 2005	Short List of Consultant/Artist Announced
August 29, 2005	Open House Meeting
September 6, 2005	Successful Consultant/Artist Announced – Negotiations Begin
September 21, 2005	Agreement Signed
October 28, 2005	Weight and Size details for Sculpture delivered to WSDOT
December 9, 2005	Assurances of Safety and Durability Submitted
Spring 2006	Sculpture installed on I 82 Undercrossing Bridge (Dependent on the Contractor’s schedule)
Spring 2006	Welcome to Yakima Signs installed (Dependent on the Contractor’s schedule)

Submittals

Consultants/artists are invited to submit their Statement of Qualifications and artistic depictions at their own cost. WSDOT assumes no obligation of any kind for expenses incurred by any respondent to this solicitation. The submittal is limited to no more than twenty-five (25) sheets submitted only on single sided (single sided meaning one side only of a single sheet of paper) typed 8.5" x 11" paper (if charts and/or graphs are utilized text must be a readable size font), and with type size no smaller than 12 point.

A representative from HQ Consultant Services in Olympia will be available after the Pre-proposal meeting to provide assistance in completing the necessary paperwork in order to submit a Statement of Qualifications.

Your Statement of Qualifications must be submitted in two (2) separate packets. Your Statement of Qualifications “Packet A” must consist of:

- Your responses to scoring Criteria 1 through 7.

Your Statement of Qualifications “Packet B” must consist of:

- Your letter of transmittal;
- Your response to scoring criteria 8 and 9; and
- Your Submittal Information Packet forms for you as the prime and all of your proposed sub-consultants.

The page limitation does not apply to the front and back covers of “Packet A” and all of “Packet B.”

The Statement of Qualifications shall meet the following requirements or will be deemed non-responsive and will not be eligible for consideration of this work:

- Title of the Request for Qualifications and your firm clearly identified on the cover of the submittal Packets “A” and “B”, and the letter of transmittal;
- Statement of Qualifications broken into “Packet A” and “Packet B” as indicated above;
- Responses to all evaluation criteria;
- Page limitations and font size requirements; and
- Submittal deadline submission date.

Materials submitted in response to this competitive procurement shall become the property of WSDOT and will not be returned. All submittals received will remain confidential until WSDOT and the successful Consultants sign the agreements resulting from this advertisement. Artistic depictions of proposed artwork will remain confidential due to artistic license. All submittals are deemed public records as defined in the RCW 42.17.250 to 42.250.340.

Faxed or e-mailed submittals will not be accepted. Four (4) copies of your “Packet A” and one (1) copy of “Packet B”, whether mailed or hand-delivered, must arrive at the following address no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 9, 2005:

Director, Consultant Services
Washington State Department of Transportation
Capital View II Building, 2nd Floor
724 Quince Street SE
Olympia, WA 98504-7323

Note: Please be aware that if you mail your submittal utilizing the United States Postal Service (USPS), an additional two (2) working days will be added to the delivery time due to the fact that all State Agency mail must go through an internal Campus Mail system first before it reaches its final destination. Submittals mailed via USPS, including next day deliveries, must account for this added delivery time in order for the submittal to reach the Consultant Services office by the due date and time.



Any questions regarding the submittal process should be directed to the Consultant Services Office, at 360-705-7147. All questions regarding the technical aspect of this request should be directed to Mr. Brian White, Project Manager at 509-577-1625.

The department has an overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal. The DBE goal for participation will be reached through a combination race-neutral/race-conscience means as outlined in WSDOT's "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Plan." The department encourages disadvantaged, minority, and women-owned consultant firms to respond.

Persons with disabilities may request this information be prepared and supplied in alternate formats by calling collect 206-389-2839. Persons with hearing impairments may call 1-800-833-6388 (Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service) and ask for 206-515-3683.

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Submittal Due Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2005.